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October 14, 1988

Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Dr. Gates:

I would not normally presume to bypass your undoubtedly marvelous collection techniques but thought you might welcome receiving this blind copy of my letter to Ambassador Dubinin directly.

With friendly regards,

Sincerely,

Jeremy J. Stone

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14 October, 1988

Ambassador Yuri V. Dubinin
Embassy of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics
1125 16th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

This morning, I attended a meeting sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at which Deputy Director Robert M. Gates of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) gave an interesting speech on the Soviet Union based, of course, on the information available to him in his governmental role but also on his Ph.D. in Russian studies.

During the question period, I observed that no one would take advice on sex from specialists on sex who were still virgins. In that connection, I inquired whether Dr. Gates had ever been to the Soviet Union. He said that he had not and observed, among other things, that "the welcome mat is not out in the Soviet Union for intelligence officers".

Recalling the truly useful effects of the recent meeting between the Chiefs of Staff of our two countries, Marshall Akromayev and Admiral William J. Crowe, I wondered if the Soviet government had any interest in inviting Dr. Robert M. Gates to the Soviet Union with a suitable entourage either as a "tourist" or as a guest of the KGB where, we read, new departures are taking place. Perhaps a certain communication between intelligence officers might be relevant in trying to prevent terrorist activity by third parties or whatever.

But my main goal, as you know, Mr. Ambassador, is to press high officials of both our countries to have the useful experiences that you and I have both had in our own travels back and forth from Washington to Moscow. It is certainly deplorable, you will agree,

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that the intelligence officers of both sides are flying blind with regard to personal, existential, experiences in the superpowers they study.

Accordingly, if you think it might be of interest to your superiors in Moscow, would you relay my suggestion to them. Do please assure them, as I assure you, that my suggestion is entirely spontaneous and related to my long campaign for reciprocal official visits. It was in no way encouraged or stimulated by my government and certainly not by Dr. Gates.

I look forward to seeing you at the November 7th celebration, the invitation to which has just arrived.

With sincere respect,

Jeremy J Stone

bcc: Gates

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